AN ACT concerning State government.

## Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:

Section 5. The Department of Professional Regulation Law of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing Sections 2105-15 and 2105-207 as follows:

(20 ILCS 2105/2105-15)

Sec. 2105-15. General powers and duties.

- (a) The Department has, subject to the provisions of the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois, the following powers and duties:
  - (1) To authorize examinations in English to ascertain the qualifications and fitness of applicants to exercise the profession, trade, or occupation for which the examination is held.
  - (2) To prescribe rules and regulations for a fair and wholly impartial method of examination of candidates to exercise the respective professions, trades, or occupations.
  - (3) To pass upon the qualifications of applicants for licenses, certificates, and authorities, whether by examination, by reciprocity, or by endorsement.
    - (4) To prescribe rules and regulations defining, for

the respective professions, trades, and occupations, what shall constitute a school, college, or university, or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing, and to determine the reputability and good standing of a school, college, or university, or department of a university, or other institution, reputable and in good standing, by reference to a compliance with those rules and regulations; provided, that no school, college, or university, or department of a university, or other institution that refuses admittance to applicants solely on account of race, color, creed, sex, sexual orientation, or national origin shall be considered reputable and in good standing.

(5) To conduct hearings on proceedings to revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to licenses, certificates, or authorities of persons exercising the respective professions, trades, or occupations and to revoke, suspend, refuse to renew, place on probationary status, or take other disciplinary action as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department with regard to those licenses, certificates, or authorities.

The Department shall issue a monthly disciplinary report.

The Department shall refuse to issue or renew a license to, or shall suspend or revoke a license of, any person who, after receiving notice, fails to comply with a subpoena or warrant relating to a paternity or child support proceeding. However, the Department may issue a license or renewal upon compliance with the subpoena or warrant.

The Department, without further process or hearings, shall revoke, suspend, or deny any license or renewal authorized by the Civil Administrative Code of Illinois to a person who is certified by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) as being more than 30 days delinquent in complying with a child support order or who is certified by a court as being in violation of the Non-Support Punishment Act for more than 60 days. The Department may, however, issue a license or renewal if the person has established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Department of Healthcare and Family Services (formerly Illinois Department of Public Aid) or if the person is determined by the court to be in compliance with Non-Support Punishment Act. The Department implement this paragraph as added by Public Act 89-6 through the use of emergency rules in accordance with Section 5-45 of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act. For purposes of the Illinois Administrative Procedure Act,

the adoption of rules to implement this paragraph shall be considered an emergency and necessary for the public interest, safety, and welfare.

- (6) To transfer jurisdiction of any realty under the control of the Department to any other department of the State Government or to acquire or accept federal lands when the transfer, acquisition, or acceptance is advantageous to the State and is approved in writing by the Governor.
- (7) To formulate rules and regulations necessary for the enforcement of any Act administered by the Department.
- (8) To exchange with the Department of Healthcare and Family Services information that may be necessary for the enforcement of child support orders entered pursuant to the Illinois Public Aid Code, the Illinois Marriage and Dissolution of Marriage Act, the Non-Support of Spouse and Children Act, the Non-Support Punishment Act, the Revised Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act, the Uniform Interstate Family Support Act, the Illinois Parentage Act 1984, or the Illinois Parentage Act of 2015. Notwithstanding any provisions in this Code to the contrary, the Department of Professional Regulation shall not be liable under any federal or State law to any person for any disclosure of information to the Department of Family Services (formerly Illinois Healthcare and Department of Public Aid) under this paragraph (8) or for

any other action taken in good faith to comply with the requirements of this paragraph (8).

- (8.3) To exchange information with the Department of Human Rights regarding recommendations received under paragraph (B) of Section 8-109 of the Illinois Human Rights Act regarding a licensee or candidate for licensure who has committed a civil rights violation that may lead to the refusal, suspension, or revocation of a license from the Department.
- (8.5) To accept continuing education credit for mandated reporter training on how to recognize and report child abuse offered by the Department of Children and Family Services and completed by any person who holds a professional license issued by the Department and who is a mandated reporter under the Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act. The Department shall adopt any rules necessary to implement this paragraph.
  - (9) To perform other duties prescribed by law.
- (a-5) Except in cases involving delinquency in complying with a child support order or violation of the Non-Support Punishment Act and notwithstanding anything that may appear in any individual licensing Act or administrative rule, no person or entity whose license, certificate, or authority has been revoked as authorized in any licensing Act administered by the Department may apply for restoration of that license, certification, or authority until 3 years after the effective

date of the revocation.

- (b) (Blank).
- (c) For the purpose of securing and preparing evidence, and for the purchase of controlled substances, professional services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities, recoupment of investigative costs, and other activities directed at suppressing the misuse and abuse of controlled substances, including those activities set forth in Sections 504 and 508 of the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Director and agents appointed and authorized by the Director may expend sums from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund deems necessary from the that the Director amounts appropriated for that purpose. Those sums may be advanced to the agent when the Director deems that procedure to be in the public interest. Sums for the purchase of controlled substances, professional services, and equipment necessary for enforcement activities and other activities as set forth in this Section shall be advanced to the agent who is to make the purchase from the Professional Regulation Evidence Fund on vouchers signed by the Director. The Director and those agents are authorized to maintain one or more commercial checking accounts with any State banking corporation or corporations organized under or subject to the Illinois Banking Act for the deposit and withdrawal of moneys to be used for the purposes set forth in this Section; provided, that no check may be written nor any withdrawal made from any such account except

upon the written signatures of 2 persons designated by the Director to write those checks and make those withdrawals. Vouchers for those expenditures must be signed by the Director. All such expenditures shall be audited by the Director, and the audit shall be submitted to the Department of Central Management Services for approval.

- (d) Whenever the Department is authorized or required by law to consider some aspect of criminal history record information for the purpose of carrying out its statutory powers and responsibilities, then, upon request and payment of fees in conformance with the requirements of Section 2605-400 of the Illinois State Police Law, the Illinois State Police is authorized to furnish, pursuant to positive identification, the information contained in State files that is necessary to fulfill the request.
- (e) The provisions of this Section do not apply to private business and vocational schools as defined by Section 15 of the Private Business and Vocational Schools Act of 2012.
  - (f) (Blank).
- (f-5) Notwithstanding anything that may appear in any individual licensing statute or administrative rule, the Department shall allow an applicant to provide his or her individual taxpayer identification number as an alternative to providing a social security number when applying for a license.
  - (g) Notwithstanding anything that may appear in any

individual licensing statute or administrative rule, the Department shall deny any license application or renewal authorized under any licensing Act administered by the Department to any person who has failed to file a return, or to pay the tax, penalty, or interest shown in a filed return, or to pay any final assessment of tax, penalty, or interest, as required by any tax Act administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue, until such time as the requirement of any such tax Act are satisfied; however, the Department may issue a license or renewal if the person has established a satisfactory repayment record as determined by the Illinois Department of Revenue. For the purpose of this Section, "satisfactory repayment record" shall be defined by rule.

In addition, a complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois Department of Revenue that includes a certification, signed by its Director or designee, attesting to the amount of the unpaid tax liability or the years for which a return was not filed, or both, is prima facie evidence of the licensee's failure to comply with the tax laws administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee. Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's address of record or emailing a copy of the order to

the licensee's email address of record. The notice shall advise the licensee that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the Department's order unless the Department receives, from the licensee, a request for a hearing before the Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

Any suspension imposed under this subsection (g) shall be terminated by the Department upon notification from the Illinois Department of Revenue that the licensee is in compliance with all tax laws administered by the Illinois Department of Revenue.

The Department may promulgate rules for the administration of this subsection (g).

individual licensing statute or administrative rule, the Department shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license to, or suspend or revoke the license of, any individual, corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has been found by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance to have failed to (i) secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation obligations in the manner required by the total a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act, or (iii) fulfill all

obligations assumed pursuant to a settlement reached with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance relating to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act. No initial or renewal license shall be issued, and no suspended license shall be reinstated, until such time that the Department is notified by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act has been corrected or otherwise resolved to satisfaction of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance.

In addition, a complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that includes a certification, signed by its Director or Chairman, or the Director or Chairman's designee, attesting to a finding of the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act or the failure to pay any fines or penalties or to discharge any obligation under a settlement relating to the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act is prima facie evidence of the

licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee or the processing of any application from the applicant. Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's address of record or emailing a copy of the order to the licensee's email address of record. The notice shall advise the licensee that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the Department's order unless the Department receives from the licensee or applicant a request for a hearing before the Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

Any suspension imposed under this subsection shall be terminated by the Department upon notification from the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act has been corrected or otherwise resolved to the satisfaction of the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commissions or the Department of Insurance.

No license shall be suspended or revoked until after the licensee is afforded any due process protection guaranteed by statute or rule adopted by the Workers' Compensation

## Commission or the Department of Insurance.

## The Department may adopt rules for the administration of this subsection.

- (h) The Department may grant the title "Retired", to be used immediately adjacent to the title of a profession regulated by the Department, to eligible retirees. For individuals licensed under the Medical Practice Act of 1987, the title "Retired" may be used in the profile required by the Patients' Right to Know Act. The use of the title "Retired" shall not constitute representation of current licensure, registration, or certification. Any person without an active license, registration, or certificate in a profession that requires licensure, registration, or certification shall not be permitted to practice that profession.
- (i) The Department shall make available on its website general information explaining how the Department utilizes criminal history information in making licensure application decisions, including a list of enumerated offenses that serve as a statutory bar to licensure.

(Source: P.A. 101-81, eff. 7-12-19; 101-221, eff. 1-1-20; 102-538, eff. 8-20-21.)

(20 ILCS 2105/2105-207)

Sec. 2105-207. Records of Department actions.

(a) Any licensee subject to a licensing Act administered by the <u>Department</u> Division of Professional Regulation and who

has been subject to disciplinary action by the Department may file an application with the Department on forms provided by the Department, along with the required fee of \$175, to have the records classified as confidential, not for public release, and considered expunged for reporting purposes if:

- (1) the application is submitted more than 3 years after the disciplinary offense or offenses occurred or after restoration of the license, whichever is later;
- (2) the licensee has had no incidents of discipline under the licensing Act since the disciplinary offense or offenses identified in the application occurred;
- (3) the Department has no pending investigations against the licensee; and
- (4) the licensee is not currently in a disciplinary status.
- (b) An application to make disciplinary records confidential shall only be considered by the Department for an offense or action relating to:
  - (1) failure to pay taxes;
  - (2) continuing education;
  - (3) failure to renew a license on time;
  - (4) failure to obtain or renew a certificate of registration or ancillary license;
    - (5) advertising;
  - (5.1) discipline based on criminal charges or convictions:

- (A) that did not arise from the licensed activity and was unrelated to the licensed activity; or
- (B) that were dismissed or for which records have been sealed or expunged;
- (5.2) past probationary status of a license issued to new applicants on the sole or partial basis of prior convictions;  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (6) any grounds for discipline removed from the licensing  $\text{Act}_{\underline{i}}$  -
- (7) failure to comply with workers' compensation requirements; or

## (8) reprimand of a licensee.

- (c) An application shall be submitted to and considered by the Director of the Division of Professional Regulation upon submission of an application and the required non-refundable fee. The Department may establish additional requirements by rule. The Department is not required to report the removal of any disciplinary record to any national database. Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the Department from using a previous discipline for any regulatory purpose or from releasing records of a previous discipline upon request from law enforcement, or other governmental body as permitted by law. Classification of records as confidential shall result in removal of records of discipline from records kept pursuant to Sections 2105-200 and 2105-205 of this Act.
  - (d) Any applicant for licensure or a licensee whose

petition for review is granted by the Department pursuant to subsection (a-1) of Section 2105-165 of this Law may file an application with the Department on forms provided by the Department to have records relating to his or her permanent denial or permanent revocation classified as confidential and not for public release and considered expunged for reporting purposes in the same manner and under the same terms as is provided in this Section for the offenses listed in subsection (b) of this Section, except that the requirements of a  $\frac{3-\text{year}}{7-\text{year}}$  waiting period and the  $\frac{$175}{7}$   $\frac{$200}{7}$  application fee do not apply.

(Source: P.A. 100-262, eff. 8-22-17; 100-286, eff. 1-1-18; 100-863, eff. 8-14-18; 100-872, eff. 8-14-18.)

Section 10. The Asbestos Abatement Act is amended by changing Section 10a as follows:

(105 ILCS 105/10a) (from Ch. 122, par. 1410a)

Sec. 10a. Licensing. No inspector, management planner, project designer, project manager, air sampling professional, asbestos abatement contractor, worker or project supervisor may be employed as a response action contractor unless that individual or entity is licensed by the Department. Those individuals and entities wishing to be licensed shall make application on forms prescribed and furnished by the Department. A license shall expire annually according to a

schedule determined by the Department. Applications for renewal of licenses shall be filed with the Department at least 30 days before the expiration date. When a licensure examination is required, the application for licensure shall be submitted to the Department at least 30 days prior to the date of the scheduled examination. The Department shall evaluate each application based on its minimum standards for licensure, promulgated as rules, and render a decision. Such standards may include a requirement for the successful completion of a course of training approved by the Department. If the Department denies the application, the applicant may appeal such decision pursuant to the provisions of the "Administrative Review Law".

The Department, upon notification by the Illinois Workers'

Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance, shall

refuse the issuance or renewal of a license to, or suspend or

revoke the license of, any individual, corporation,

partnership, or other business entity that has been found by

the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the

Department of Insurance to have failed:

- (a) to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act;
- (b) to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure

workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act; or

(c) to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to any settlement reached with the Illinois Workers' Compensation

Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act.

A complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that includes a certification, signed by its Director or Chairman, or the Director or Chairman's designee, attesting to a finding of the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act or the failure to pay any fines or penalties or to discharge any obligation under a settlement relating to the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act is prima facie evidence of the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee or the processing of any application from the applicant.

Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's or applicant's address of record or emailing a copy of the order to the licensee's or applicant's email address of record. The notice shall advise the licensee or applicant that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the order unless the Department receives, from the licensee or applicant, a request for a hearing before the Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

Upon receiving notice from the Illinois Workers'

Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that

the violation has been corrected or otherwise resolved, the

Department shall vacate the order suspending a licensee's

license or the processing of an applicant's application.

No license shall be suspended or revoked until after the licensee is afforded any due process protection guaranteed by statute or rule adopted by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance.

(Source: P.A. 86-416.)

Section 15. The Lead Poisoning Prevention Act is amended by changing Section 8.1 as follows:

(410 ILCS 45/8.1) (from Ch. 111 1/2, par. 1308.1)

Sec. 8.1. Licensing of lead inspectors and lead risk

assessors.

- (a) The Department shall establish standards and licensing procedures for lead inspectors and lead risk assessors. An integral element of these procedures shall be an education and training program prescribed by the Department which shall include but not be limited to scientific sampling, chemistry, and construction techniques. No person shall make inspections or risk assessments without first being licensed by the Department. The penalty for inspection or risk assessment without a license shall be a Class A misdemeanor and an administrative fine.
- (b) The Department shall charge licensed lead inspectors and lead risk assessors reasonable license fees and the fees shall be placed in the Lead Poisoning Screening, Prevention, and Abatement Fund and used to fund the Department's licensing of lead inspectors and lead risk assessors and any other activities prescribed by this Act. A licensed lead inspector or lead risk assessor employed by the Department or its delegate agency shall not be charged a license fee.
- (c) The Department, upon notification by the Illinois

  Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of

  Insurance, shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license
  to, or suspend or revoke the license of, any individual,
  corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has
  been found by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or
  the Department of Insurance to have failed:

- (1) to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act;
- (2) to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act; or
- (3) to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to any settlement reached with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act.

A complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois
Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of
Insurance that includes a certification, signed by its
Director or Chairman or designee, attesting to a finding of
the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the
manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the
Workers' Compensation Act or the failure to pay any fines or
penalties or to discharge any obligation under a settlement
relating to the failure to secure workers' compensation
obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b)
of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act is prima facie

evidence of the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee or the processing of any application from the applicant. Enforcement of the Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's or applicant's address of record or emailing a copy of the order to the licensee's or applicant's email address of record. The notice shall advise the licensee or applicant that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the order unless the Department receives, from the licensee or applicant, a request for a hearing before the Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

Upon receiving notice from the Illinois Workers'

Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that

the violation has been corrected or otherwise resolved, the

Department shall vacate the order suspending a licensee's

license or the processing of an applicant's application.

No license shall be suspended or revoked until after the licensee is afforded any due process protection guaranteed by statute or rule adopted by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance.

(Source: P.A. 98-690, eff. 1-1-15.)

Section 20. The Illinois Plumbing License Law is amended by changing Section 13.1 as follows:

(225 ILCS 320/13.1)

- Sec. 13.1. Plumbing contractors; registration; applications.
- (1) On and after May 1, 2002, all persons or corporations desiring to engage in the business of plumbing contractor, other than any entity that maintains an audited net worth of shareholders' equity equal to or exceeding \$100,000,000, shall register in accordance with the provisions of this Act.
- (2) Application for registration shall be filed with the Department each year, on or before the last day of September, in writing and on forms prepared and furnished by the Department. All plumbing contractor registrations expire on the last day of September of each year.
- (3) Applications shall contain the name, address, and telephone number of the person and the plumbing license of (i) the individual, if a sole proprietorship; (ii) the partner, if a partnership; or (iii) an officer, if a corporation. The application shall contain the business name, address, and telephone number, a current copy of the plumbing license, and any other information the Department may require by rule.
- (4) Applicants shall submit an original certificate of insurance documenting that the contractor carries general

liability insurance with a minimum of \$100,000 per occurrence, a minimum of \$300,000 aggregate for bodily injury, property damage insurance with a minimum of \$50,000 or a minimum of \$300,000 combined single limit, and workers compensation insurance with a minimum \$500,000 employer's liability. No registration may be issued in the absence of this certificate. Certificates must be in force at all times for registration to remain valid.

- (5) Applicants shall submit, on a form provided by the Department, an indemnification bond in the amount of \$20,000 or a letter of credit in the same amount for work performed in accordance with this Act and the rules promulgated under this Act.
- (5.5) The Department, upon notification by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance, shall refuse the issuance or renewal of a license to, or suspend or revoke the license of, any individual, corporation, partnership, or other business entity that has been found by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance to have failed:
  - (a) to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act;
  - (b) to pay in full a fine or penalty imposed by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure

workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act; or

(c) to fulfill all obligations assumed pursuant to any settlement reached with the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance due to a failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act.

A complaint filed with the Department by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that includes <u>a certification</u>, signed by its Director or Chairman or designee, attesting to a finding of the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act or the failure to pay any fines or penalties or to discharge any obligation under a settlement relating to the failure to secure workers' compensation obligations in the manner required by subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act is prima facie evidence of the licensee's or applicant's failure to comply with subsections (a) and (b) of Section 4 of the Workers' Compensation Act. Upon receipt of that certification, the Department shall, without a hearing, immediately suspend all licenses held by the licensee or the processing of any application from the applicant. Enforcement of the

Department's order shall be stayed for 60 days. The Department shall provide notice of the suspension to the licensee by mailing a copy of the Department's order to the licensee's or applicant's address of record or emailing a copy of the order to the licensee's or applicant's email address of record. The notice shall advise the licensee or applicant that the suspension shall be effective 60 days after the issuance of the order unless the Department receives, from the licensee or applicant, a request for a hearing before the Department to dispute the matters contained in the order.

Upon receiving notice from the Illinois Workers'

Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance that

the violation has been corrected or otherwise resolved, the

Department shall vacate the order suspending a licensee's

license or the processing of an applicant's application.

No license shall be suspended or revoked until after the licensee is afforded any due process protection guaranteed by statute or rule adopted by the Workers' Compensation Commission or the Department of Insurance.

- (6) All employees of a registered plumbing contractor who engage in plumbing work shall be licensed plumbers or apprentice plumbers in accordance with this Act.
- (7) Plumbing contractors shall submit an annual registration fee in an amount to be established by rule.
- (8) The Department shall be notified in advance of any changes in the business structure, name, or location or of the

addition or deletion of the owner or officer who is the licensed plumber listed on the application. Failure to notify the Department of this information is grounds for suspension or revocation of the plumbing contractor's registration.

(9) In the event that the plumber's license on the application for registration of a plumbing contractor is a license issued by the City of Chicago, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to forward a copy of the plumber's license to the Department, noting the name of the registered plumbing contractor, when it is renewed. In the event that the plumbing contractor's registration is suspended or revoked, the Department shall notify the City of Chicago and any corresponding plumbing contractor's license issued by the City of Chicago shall be suspended or revoked.

(Source: P.A. 97-365, eff. 1-1-12.)

Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 1, 2024.